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RE: RIDEM Water Quality Regulations-Certification

Dear Ms. Williams:

This letter is submitted in satisfaction of the requirements of 40 CFR § 131.6. Please be advised that I serve as Legal Counsel of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and, in that capacity, hereby certify that the amendments to RIDEM's *Water Quality Regulations* were duly promulgated pursuant to requirements of the *Rhode Island Administrative Procedures Act* (R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35). These Regulations were filed with the Rhode Island Secretary of State on May 27, 2009 and will become effective on June 2, 2009.

It is my further understanding that the EPA was actively involved in the review of the subject regulations prior to their promulgation, starting with the review of the initial draft of the regulations. In addition, a copy of the final Regulations and Response to Comments were provided to EPA Region I on May 15, 2009.

I trust that this certification satisfies the requirements of 40 CFR § 131.6.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, at 222-4700 ext. 2408 if you need further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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